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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the originally filed Abstract with the enclosed replacement Abstract.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the originally filed Figures I-IV with the enclosed replacement Figures I-IV, respectively.

REMARKS

This response is being submitted within three months after the shortened three-month statutory period set for responding to the Office Action mailed on August 12, 1999. Therefore, a petition and fee for a three-month extension are enclosed herewith.

To overcome the objection in item 3 of the outstanding Office Action, this response replaces the originally filed Figures I-IV with the enclosed replacement Figures I-IV, respectively.

To overcome the objection in item 4 of the outstanding Office Action, this response replaces the originally filed specification with the enclosed replacement specification.